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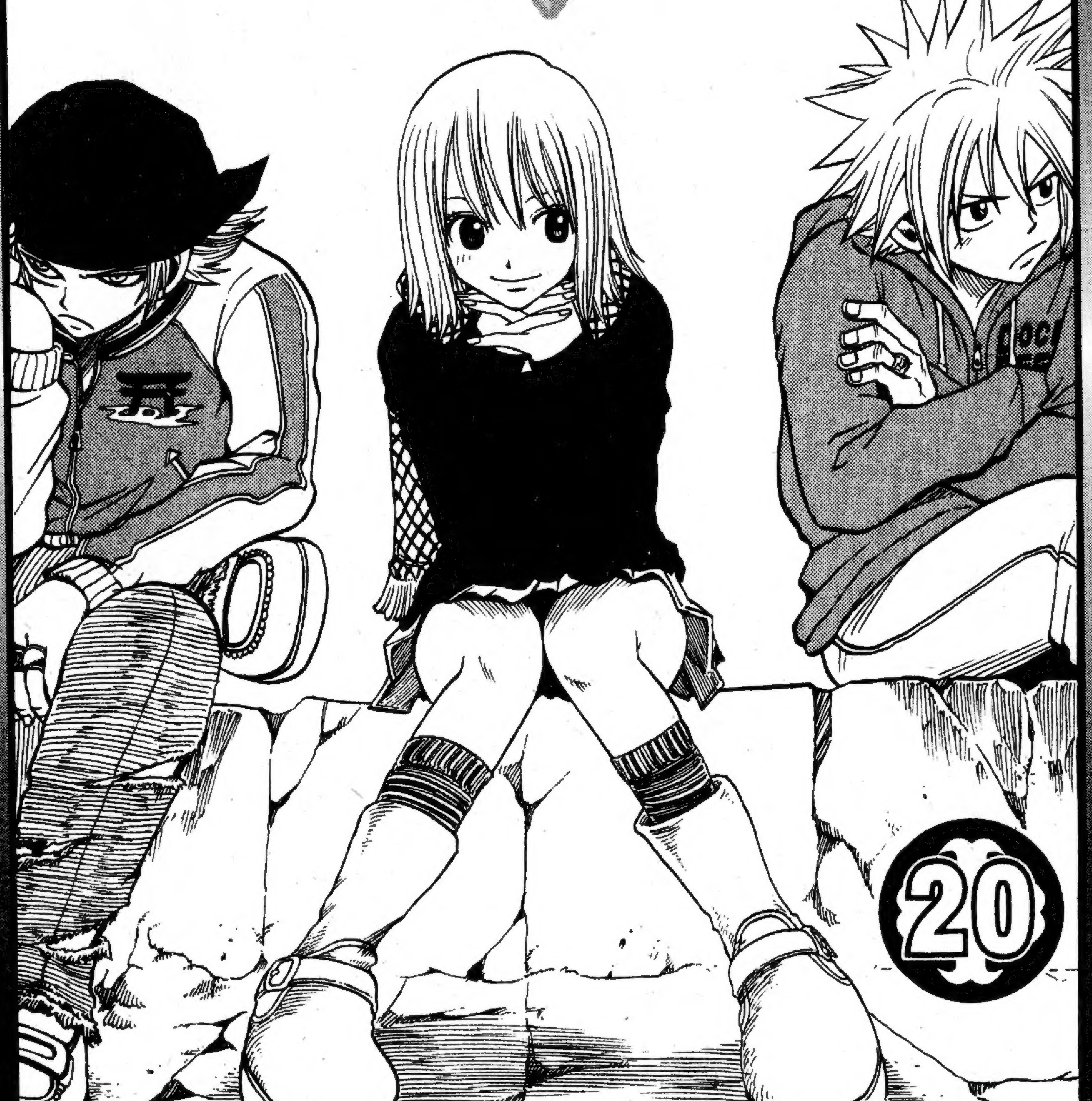

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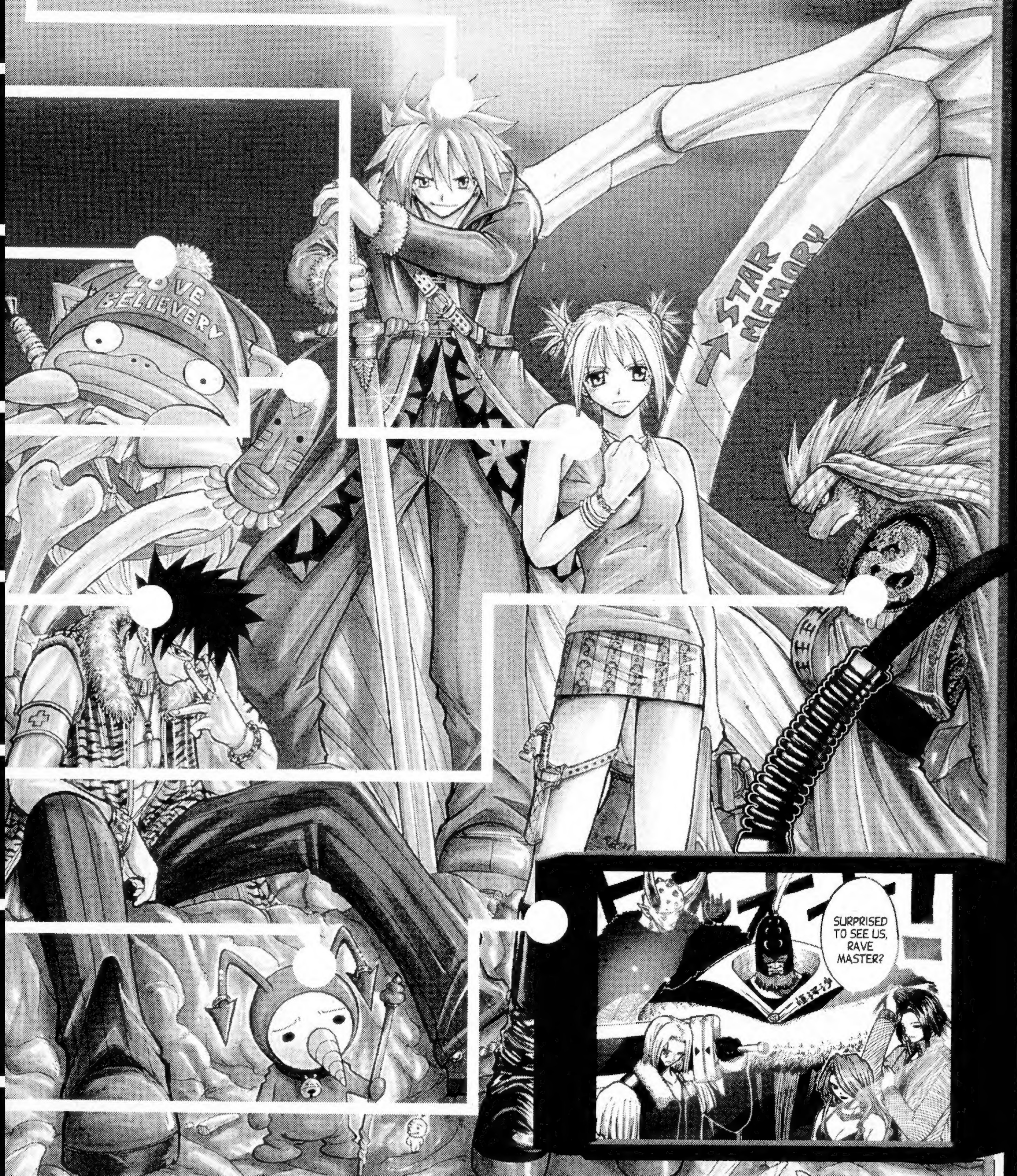
THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY	A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With Demon Card seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.
ELIE	The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**
RUBY	A "penguin-type" senteniod, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!
GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)	Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.
MUSICA	A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?
LET	A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.
PLUE	The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.
THE ORACION SIX	Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed Demon Card Headquarters.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru and the others are attacked by a group known as "**Underground,**" as well as by **Deep Snow's** goons. They manage to survive both waves, but when Deep Snow arrives at the fray, our banged-up heroes opt for a hasty retreat. However, Shuda arrives in time to pick up the slack, and Deep Snow is more than happy to oblige. **Shuda** wants to burn the man who replaced him in the **Oracion Six** until he's extra crispy...while Deep Snow wants Shuda dead to sedate his pride. But storm clouds heavy with rain may douse Shuda's fire...and drown any hopes of him winning against his powerful foe.


LOVE BELIEVER
STAR MEMORY
SURPRISED TO SEE US, RAVE MASTER?

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RAVE:156 ✠ FIRE AND WATER

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ポツ
PUUN!!
ひくひく
I GUESS IT'S GONNA RAIN.
びくぅ
AAAAHH!!
THUNDER!!
ぎゅう
WHOA! ER, ELIE, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE--
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY!!
Sniff!
SERIOUSLY, ELIE. YIKES.
OH, ENVY ...

NOTHING PERSONAL... JUST... LEGGO.
ぶる
ぶる
ぶる
SOMETHING'S BURNIN' INTO MY BACK.
じーとーー
HEY!!
'TIS A JEALOUSY BEAM.
IT'S NOT THAT! DIDN'T YOU JUST SEE MUSICA TOTALLY RUB ELIE'S BUTT?!
DID I? I DIDN'T MEAN TO. AND I JUST KINDA... GRAZED IT.
THAT STILL COUNTS AS FEELIN' HER UP!!
NOT IF I DIDN'T MEAN TO! THAT'S AN ACT OF GOD!
YOUR HAND! HER BUTT! COUNTS!!
HEY, IF YOU'VE GOT BUTT-RUBBING ENVY SO BAD, YOU'VE GOT THE MOTHER OF ALL ASSES RIGHT THERE.
Don't even joke!
SQUEEEE
IT'S REALLY POURING, POYO!

どさっ
SURE IS! SO WE DON'T HAVE TO TIME TO ARGUE!
GRAB
SHUDA'S POWER IS FLAME, REMEMBER?
HE CAN'T USE FIRE IN THIS!
ガシ
TELL ME YOU'RE NOT HEADING BACK.
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE NEEDS YOU?!

NO...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHUDA'S REALLY STRONG!
WE'RE LAGGIN' HERE...SO WE'D PROBABLY JUST SLOW HIM DOWN.
WHO IS HE, POYO?
ASK ME LATER...

REGRETTABLY...
...THIS RAIN HAS DOUSED ALL **SIGN** OF YOUR **FLAMES.**
IF YOU THINK A LITTLE RAIN CAN SNUFF MY FIRE...YOU'RE IN FOR A **PAINFUL SURPRISE.**

ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE...
FWWP
ピロピロッ
EXPLOSIVE FLAME BALLET!
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Z
X:100% Y:100%
DAMAGE 102087
ヴ ヴ ヴ
DIE.

オオオオオオ
WHAT? DID I MISS?!
NO...
オオオオオ
DO NOT SCORN MY WAVE.
MY AQUATIC CONTROL QUENCHES YOUR FLAME!
ザッパァァ
YOU USED THE RAIN AS A SHIELD?
SO YOUR POWER IS WATER?!
NOT QUITE.
WATER IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE...
ス…

TWIST
TWIST
TWIST
……
MY POWER IS "FLOW." WITH THE FLOW SIX STAR **ZERO STREAM**...
...ALL THAT **FLOWS** IS MY **ALLY**.
SUCH AS **WATER**...
ザアア
...**WIND**...
ヒュオオ
...AND THE **BLOOD** IN YOUR **VEINS**.
NNH!!
ビキ
ビキ
ビキ

GAAAAHH!!
……
HE RESTORED HIS BLOOD FLOW HIMSELF?
YOUR DB... IS INTRIGUING.
ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO TAKE IT FOR MYSELF.
キン

ザバアアア
YOU ARE MOST CERTAINLY NOT WORTHY OF IT.
ゴゴゴゴゴ!!
WITH GREAT CONCENTRATION...
メキア
...THIS DB CAN EXPLOIT ANYTHING THAT MOVES.
ドバ!!!
SO LOSE YOUR CONCENTRATION AND YOU'RE THROUGH, RIGHT?

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WHAT?!
EXPLOSIONS?!
SO YOU INTEND TO BLIND ME...
HMM...IT SEEMS THEY'RE STILL TOO WEAK.
THE RAIN HAS INDEED HAMPERED YOUR BLASTS.
UNLESS...

ゴゴゴゴゴ
...YOU MEANT TO FELL THE TREES!
ド!!
ーー
バシュッ
WIND!!
GOTCHA.
ドド!!
!ー

!!
SPLOOSH!
YOU ARE THE FOOL HERE!
ドロ…
WATER?!
ザバア
AQUATIC PEBBLES... IT IS TIME TO FLY.
ザ ザ ザ ザ ザ ザ

GAAAAAAAGH!!

ガ ガッ
ズズズ…
I MUST ADMIT--
I FOUND OUR
BATTLE QUITE
ENJOYABLE.
ザァァァ

BUT YOU FAILED TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE ORACION SIX.
SO I COULDN'T FIGHT IN COMPLETE SERIOUSNESS.
ゴオオオ！
THIS IS PROOF...
...THAT I AM WORTHY OF MY TITLE.
ザッ
NOW, THEN...
WHERE DID THAT RAVE MASTER RUN TO?

HGGCK!!
HEH HEH...
TH- THIS ...!
HACK!!
GGGH!!
HURK!!

FLAME BALLET CAUSES AN EXPLOSION...
...AT A PARTICULAR POINT IN SPACE...
...NO MATTER HOW SMALL THAT SPACE MAY BE.
SO I MERELY SHOVED IT DOWN YOUR THROAT.
FWP FWP
YOUR PRECIOUS RAIN ISN'T THERE.
I-I SEE...AN IMPRESSIVE DARK BRING.
NO-- IMPRESSIVE TARGETING. I DIDN'T EXPECT IT FROM YOU.

MY ELDER... KING... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I NOW RELEASE MY FORBIDDEN POWER-- THE TYPE 56 DARK BRING!

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RAVE:157 ✠ THE FORBIDDEN POWER

TYPE 56 DARK BRING?
NEVER HEARD OF IT.
IS THAT THE TYPE 56?
WHY IS IT EMBEDDED IN HIM?

I DID NOT WANT TO USE THIS.
I AM LOYAL TO KING, EVEN TO THIS DAY.
I HAVE NOT USED THIS DB SINCE THE MOMENT KING FORBADE ME...
......
LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION, FOOL.
WHY DO YOU THINK KING SENT ME TO THE EMPIRE AS A SPY?
SHALL I SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU?

KING WAS **AFRAID** OF MY **POWER.**

IMPOSS...
I-I DIDN'T SEE HIM MOVE!
THIS DB DRAWS FORTH THE LATENT ABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL.
I CAN FREELY USE THE POWER THAT SLEEPS WITHIN "NORMAL" HUMANS.
LATENT WHAT?!
YOU CANNOT FATHOM IT.
AN AWESOME POWER IS HIDDEN WITHIN US ALL.
I ASSUME YOU NEVER SUSPECTED...
...THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF THIS.
BUT I AM CAPABLE!
FORGIVE ME, KING... BUT I MUST USE THIS FOR DEMON CARD.

PLEASE, FEAR NOT--VICTORY WILL BE MINE!
ヒョオオオオオ
Hah!
Hah!
Hah!
KING--AGE 35

LUCIA...
AAAAAAGH!!
EMILIA!
The year was 0056. Marry Loose was raided by Imperial forces and Demon Card HQ was destroyed.
あああああ
AAAAAGH!!
Amelia and Lucia, King's wife and son, supposedly died in the siege. King was unaware of Lucia's survival.
King traveled north alone... to restore Demon Card.
Hah!
Hah!
Huff!
!

A DEMON CARD BASE?!
IN THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS?!
HEE HEE! SO WE MEET AT LAST, SIR. I HEARD ABOUT HQ...VERY UNFORTUNATE... **VERY** UNFORTUNATE.
I AM KNOWN AS IGOR. I RESEARCH NEW WEAPONS AND DARK BRINGS IN THIS BASE. HEE HEE!
DC Hardcore Base Researcher
Dr. Igor Kilkila
THIS IS A LARGE BASE. YOU USE IT ALONE?
HEE HEE! I DO, SIR!
THERE ARE USUALLY A FEW SOLDIERS AS WELL, BUT...

AH! BEFORE YOU ASK, MY EXPERIMENTS ARE PERFECT!
ヒッヒッヒッヒッ
...MY MODIFICATIONS ON THEM LARGELY FAILED.
ギイイイ
MY SUBJECTS WERE SIMPLY TOO WEAK. HEE HEE!
THE REST RAN OFF. THE YOUNG ARE COWARDLY, SIR.
カツ
カツ
I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING, SIR.

WHAT IS THAT?
I CALL IT THE TYPE 56 DB. JUST FINISHED THIS YEAR.
I FUSED IT WITH A PERFECT HUMAN BABY.
THE CREATURE LIVES IN SPITE OF DB POISONING, ABSORBING 70,000 ZELLS OF DB GAMMA...WHICH BREAK DOWN TO FOUR ENERGY CELLS PER SECOND.
AND NOW...
...IT IS A LIVING WEAPON, ABLE TO EMPLOY THE **LATENT ABILITY** NORMAL HUMANS CANNOT TAP INTO!
……
LUCIA...
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
HM? HE HAS NONE. NAME HIM IF YOU'D LIKE, SIR.

WE'LL CALL HIM DEEP SNOW.
Two years later...
BRRRM!
すたたたっ
HE'S GROWING QUICKLY.
HEE HEE! 2.5 TIMES FASTER THAN NORMAL, TO BE PRECISE!

HE'S THE SAME AGE AS LUCIA WAS.
KIIIING!!
!!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
KIIING!!
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ガタ
ガタ
WHAT IS THAT?!
AN EARTHQUAKE?!
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I-IMPOSSIBLE!
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ワオオオオ
IT WAS A W-WOLF!
A WOLF ATTACKED ME, AN'...!

MAGNIFICENT! SUCH POWER-- AND FROM A CHILD, YES!!
AS THE BOY GROWS, THE TYPE 56 DB WILL GROW STRONGER STILL!!
Sniff
Sniffle
Sniff

KING'S FACE AT THAT MOMENT IS FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MEMORY.
HE WAS AFRAID OF ME.
BUT MY RESPECT FOR KING NEVER WAVERED!
NOT AFTER HE SENT ME TO THE EMPIRE...
...AND NOT NOW, THESE MANY YEARS LATER.
Hah...
Hnh...
Hah...
Y-YOU...THINK KING S-SENT YOU...TO THE... EMPIRE OUT OF F-FEAR...?
Huff...
Hah...
S-SO WHY ALL THE LOYALTY IF HE T-THREW YOU AWAY?
Hah...
THE FIRST AND LAST TIME I WAS EMBRACED...
...I FELT UNPARALLELED WARMTH.

I THOUGHT OF KING AS MY FATHER!!
THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE ORACION SIX!
YOU BETRAYED KING!
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE THAT!
FOR THE SAKE OF KING'S TRUE SON, LUCIA...I MUST NOT BE DEFEATED.
SO...NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND MY POWER... SURRENDER.

....
Guh!
Hah!
Hah!
S-SURRENDER?
HARU TOLD ME SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
"NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NEVER GIVE UP!"
"LIVE!"
WHEN I WAS AT DEATH'S DOOR, I FINALLY REALIZED WHAT HE MEANT.

NOW THOSE WORDS HAVE BECOME MINE.
YOU HAVE YOUR PROMISE TO KING...
...BUT I HAVE MINE TO GALE. I CAN'T LOSE, EITHER.
キィィィィィ
A BLADE FROM WITHIN A BLADE?!

HARU HAS GALE'S BLOOD...
...BUT I HAVE GALE'S SWORD.

RAVE MASTER

0063--KUBA DESERT

HACK!
NNGH!
HGGCK!
HAGHCK!
HE'S SO... STRONG!
GET LOST.
YOU'RE AN EYESORE.
SO THIS...
...IS GALE GLORY.
AND DON'T TRY THAT AGAIN.
THE END OF EARTH INSIDE ME--THE OVERDRIVE--COULD GO OFF AND KILL US BOTH.
I'M THE BEST BOUNTY HUNTER ON THE CONTINENT.
I COULDN'T EVEN SCRATCH HIM!
THIS...THIS IS HUMILIATING! DAMMIT!
GALE...

I SWEAR I WILL SURPASS YOU!
RAVE MASTER

RAVE:158 ✚ A WARRIOR'S PLEDGE

THE DIVINE BLADE, HEAVENLY BLOSSOM.
HHPPPP
IT HAS A FAR RICHER HISTORY THAN THE TEN POWERS.
IT IS A BLADE OF LEGEND.
ITS AGE AND CREATOR ARE UNKNOWN. SOME CLAIM IT TO BE A WEAPON OF THE GODS.
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO RECOIL FROM THE MERE SIGHT OF IT?
WHETHER IT'S DIVINE OR DEMONIC ISN'T THE POINT.
WHAT MATTERS IS WHO I INHERITED IT FROM...

GALE'S SOUL IS IN THIS BLADE.
I WON'T LOSE WITH IT.
NOR SHALL I LOSE.
EVEN NOW, KING'S SOUL LIVES ON WITHIN ME.
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ゴロゴロ…
ゴオオ…ン

オオ!
IN THIS MOMENT...
...WITH MY POWER AND WITH GALE'S SWORD...
...LET ME WIN THIS!

LET ME FULFILL MY WARRIOR'S PLEDGE!!
YOU DON'T GIVE UP, DO YOU?

DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO FIGHT ME WITH WOUNDS LIKE THAT, SHUDA?
I'M SURPRISED.
......
I MET YOUR SON.
!!
HARU GLORY... I COULD SEE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.
WE FOUGHT-- AND I LOST.
......
Y-YOU FOUGHT MY SON? MY HARU? BUT WHY...WHY WOULD HE...
WHY WOULD HARU F-FIGHT YOU?
AND YOU LOST?!
EVEN IN DEMON CARD, SO FEW MEN ARE REMOTELY CLOSE TO YOUR LEVEL...

THE RAVE MASTER. R-RAVE CHOSE MY SON.
DO YOU WANT TO MEET HIM? HE SHOULD BE IN EXPERIMENT BY NOW.
....
LET ME GUESS-- YOU CAN'T GO BECAUSE OF THE BOMB INSIDE YOU.
I'M SURE HARU AND KING ARE HEADED FOR LUKA.
THE ENCLAIM CEREMONY* IS COMING UP.

*Enclaim ceremony = ceremony for mass DB production

IT...IT MIGHT BE "THE TIME."
?
MY ENDLESS JOURNEY... MAY END TODAY.
I'M GOING TO DEFEAT KING!!
I FIGURED AS MUCH.
THEN I'M COMING WITH YOU. THE OPPOSITION'S STIFF.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE DEMON CARD!
I HAVE NO LOVE FOR THEM.
BESIDES... I WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU, FOR A CHANGE.

NO. I APPRECIATE IT, BUT I HAVE TO FIGHT KING ALONE.
WHAT, SO I'M NOT INVOLVED NOW? GET OVER YOURSELF.
I SAID NO.
I NEED THIS TO WIPE OUT MY SHAME!
YOUR SWORD CUT THROUGH MY SOUL, GALE GLORY!!
!
I CAME ACROSS THIS AFTER WANDERING THE DESERT FOR TEN YEARS.
THE DIVINE BLADE, HEAVENLY BLOSSOM. IT'S ODD...MY WIFE'S NAME MEANS "BLOSSOM."
YOU'VE CHANGED, SHUDA.
YOU'VE GROWN NOT ONLY AS A WARRIOR... BUT AS A MAN.

IF YOU HONESTLY WANT TO FIGHT BESIDE ME...
...THEN TAKE THIS SWORD.
MAYBE OUR BATTLES PROCEED IN THE SAME DIRECTION.
I'M ASKING YOU NOW TO CHANGE YOUR ANGLE.
TO WHOM A WARRIOR ENTRUSTS HIS BLADE...
...HE ENTRUSTS ALL.

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FOR MYSELF!!
JUST PLEASE, PROTECT MY FAMILY!!

HE'D HELD IT IN FOR TEN YEARS.
HE COULD DO NOTHING, SAY NOTHING...AND IT WAS KILLING HIM.
I WILL PROTECT THEM!!
I SWORE TO ON THE TEARS OF A GREAT WARRIOR!
I AM A SON OF THE GREAT KING!!
I AM PREPARED TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR DEMON CARD!!

WITHIN THIS BLOW I CHANNEL ALL THE POWER OF MY DARK BRING!!
I SHALL BREAK YOU!
FATHER...
PERHAPS YOU DID NOT LOVE ME.
BUT I...
I AM FREE TO FEEL FOR YOU AS I WISH!

NONE CAN BLOCK ME!! NONE CAN STOP ME!!
NNGH! YOU'RE STOPPING MY BLADE WITH YOUR FIST?!
オオオオオオ
THIS IS THE LIMIT OF HUMAN ABILITY!!
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO SURPASS THAT LIMIT...

...WITH A SINGLE STRIKE OF GALE'S SOUL!!
!!!
GALE...
YOU ALWAYS DID L-LOVE TO LOOK AT THE SKY...

THE BLUE SKY OF VICTORY.

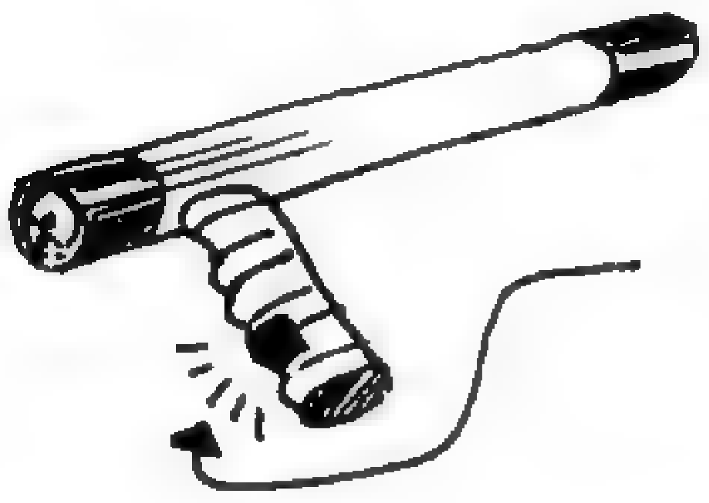
Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner

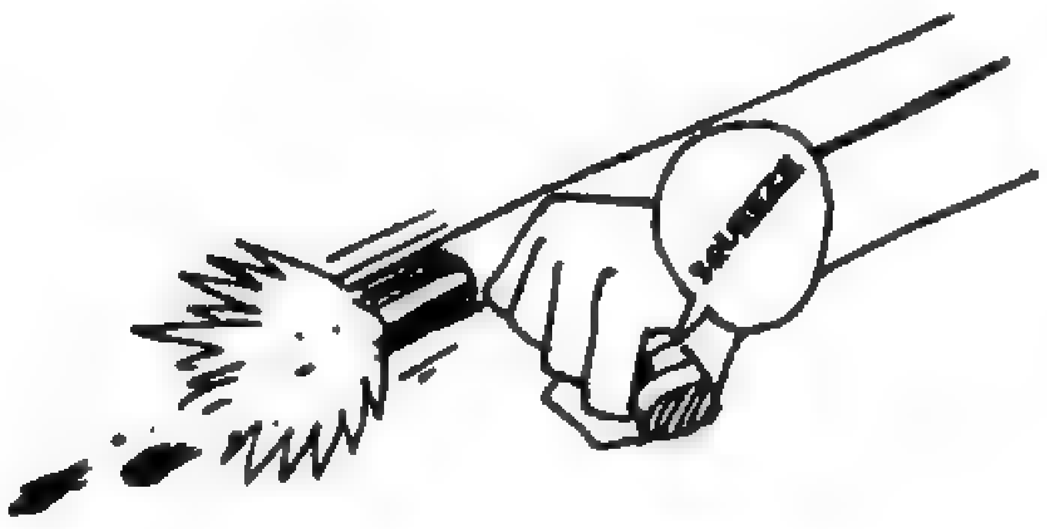
Q. Do Elie's Tonfas have triggers somewhere?

(Teketeke of Shimane Prefecture and MANY others)

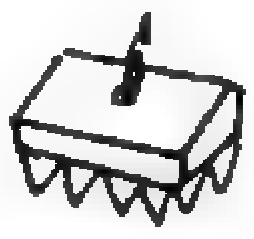
A. **Uh...people have been asking that for ages, and I told them that I, er, DON'T KNOW EITHER! (^_^) Sorry. Still, you can see them in the RAVE MASTER anime.**



See, here's a trigger!



When a finger pulls the trigger, multiple rounds fire.

Q. Tanchimo died on p. 57 of Vol. 14, didn't he? Like THIS. 

(Griffon Jirou of Chiba Prefecture and others)

A. **Yup. He's died multiple times. Read a little more carefully and see for yourself!**

Q. On p. 28 of Vol. 10, is that the father of the Jiggle Butt Gang's Boss chasing after Shiba?

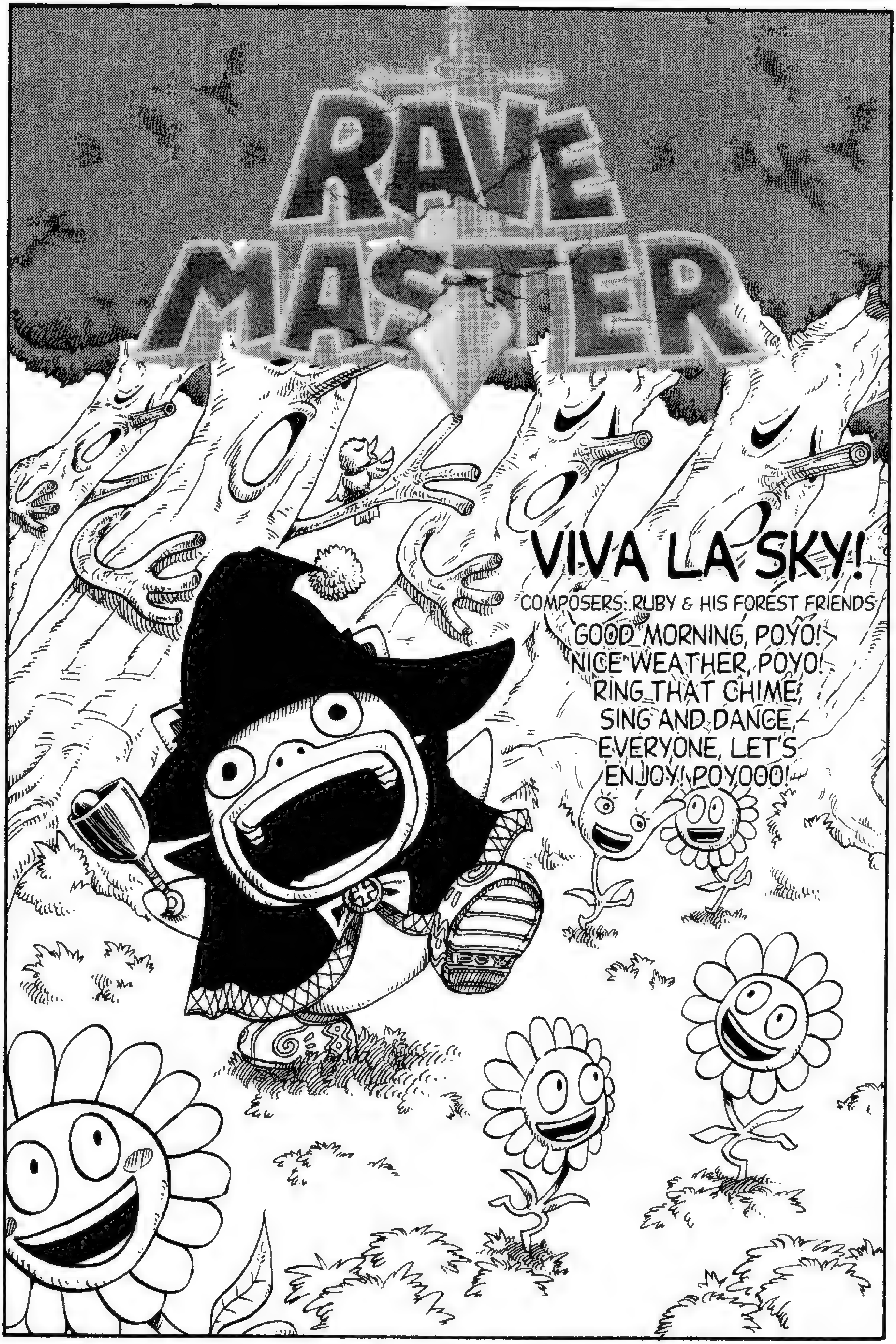
(Shinobu of Saitama Prefecture and others)

A. **So good of you to notice. He was imprisoned in the 50's for purse-snatching. Good thing he didn't end up in Symphonia's prison or he'd have died when Overdrive wrecked Symphonia.**

Q. If Griff is three years old, how does he know about Cookie, who was imprisoned for ten years?

(MD over CD of Okuyama Prefecture and others)

A. **Er...someone could've told him. Or he read about Cookie in a book.**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VIVA LA SKY!
COMPOSERS: RUBY & HIS FOREST FRIENDS
GOOD MORNING, POYO!
NICE WEATHER, POYO!
RING THAT CHIME,
SING AND DANCE,
EVERYONE, LET'S
ENJOY! POYOOO!

RAVE:159 KEY TO THE WORLD

PLEASE... FINISH ME.
MY LIFE... HAS LOST ALL MEANING...
ザリザリ
ANY LAST WORDS?
スッ
K-KING ABANDONED ME...
...BUT NOT O-ONCE DID I RESENT HIM FOR IT...
I HAVE VOWED ETERNAL LOYALTY TO HIM.
I KNOW I L-LOVE MORE THAN I WAS LOVED IN RETURN...

HUH... THAT REMINDS ME.
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING BEFORE YOU DIE.
THERE WAS A TIME, BACK WHEN I WAS STILL IN DEMON CARD...
THREE FORTS HAVE FALLEN TO RESISTANCE FORCES THIS MONTH ALONE.
OUR SOUTHERN FRONT IS PARTICULARLY DEPLETED.
AT THIS RATE, THE SOUTH WILL BE LOST.

THE RESISTANCE. BAH! THEY'RE MORE TROUBLE THAN THE IMPERIAL ARMY.
THEN LET US RECALL DEEP SNOW. HE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR SOUTHERN FORCES.
DEEP SNOW?
I'D NEVER HEARD THE NAME.
NO.
BUT WHY? HE'S ACCUMULATED SUFFICIENT IMPERIAL DATA.
THE EMPIRE IS NO LONGER A THREAT, YET THE RESISTANCE NEARS!
RECALL DEEP SNOW TO OUR ARMY. I BEG YOU!
I ALREADY SAID NO. FORGET HIM.
BUT--
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

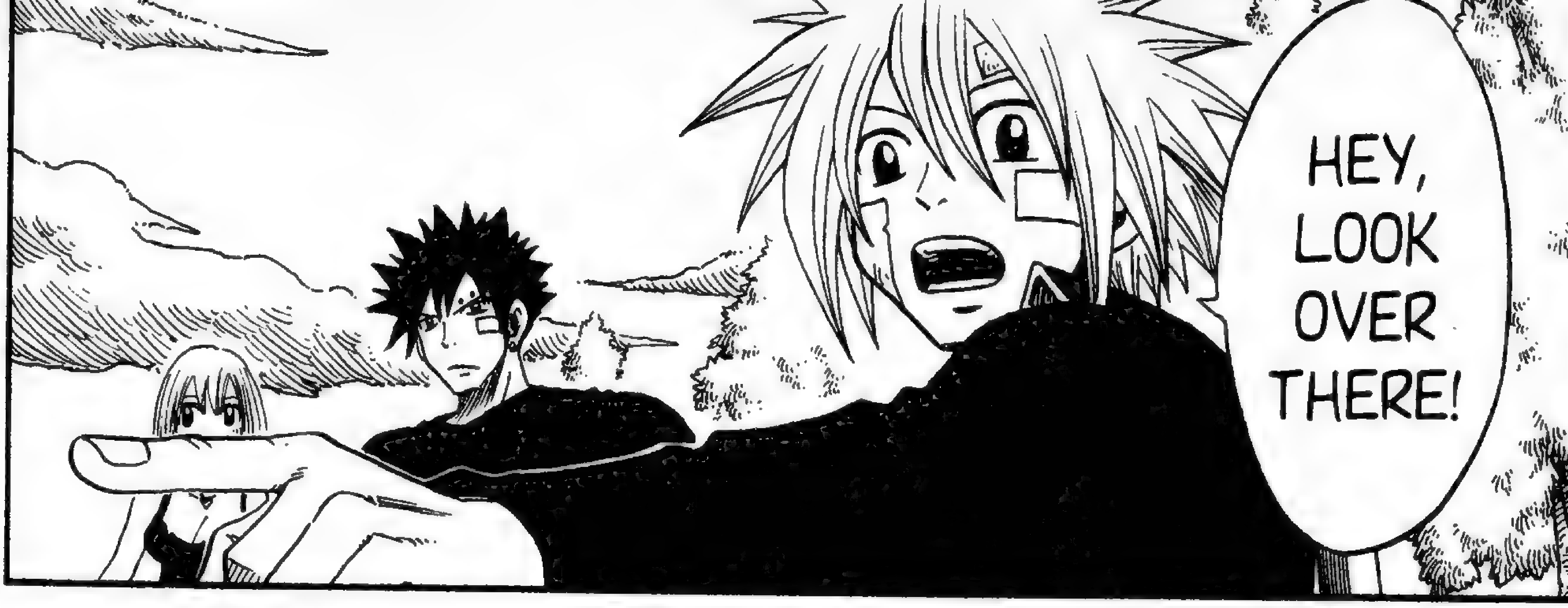
I S-SEE... EVEN MY MEMORY LEFT A FOUL TASTE IN HIS MOUTH...
I WAS HATED...
ENOUGH! KILL ME, PLEASE!
THAT'S NOT THE END OF THE STORY.
I SENT DEEP SNOW AWAY FROM DEMON CARD FOR A REASON.
I WANTED TO SPARE HIM THE PATH OF EVIL.
IF IT CAN BE DONE...
...I WANT HIM TO LIVE HIS LIFE IN PEACE.

KEEP THAT TO YOURSELF, SHUDA.
KING...WHO IS DEEP SNOW?!
IS HE A **BETTER WARRIOR** THAN I?!
DEEP SNOW... IS MY SON.
MY OTHER SON.

FATHER!!

FATHER!!
I...
I...
FATHER LOVED ME!!
Aha!!
Ah!!
Hck!!
Nnh!!
ズッ

HELLO, MR. SUN!
どーーん
WHEEE!!
PUUN!!
♥LOVE BELIEVER♥
THREE CHEERS FOR BLUE SKIES!
CAN YOU DO THAT, SIR?
MISS ELIE SEEMS TO BE BETTER.
THANKS, GRIFF! POYO!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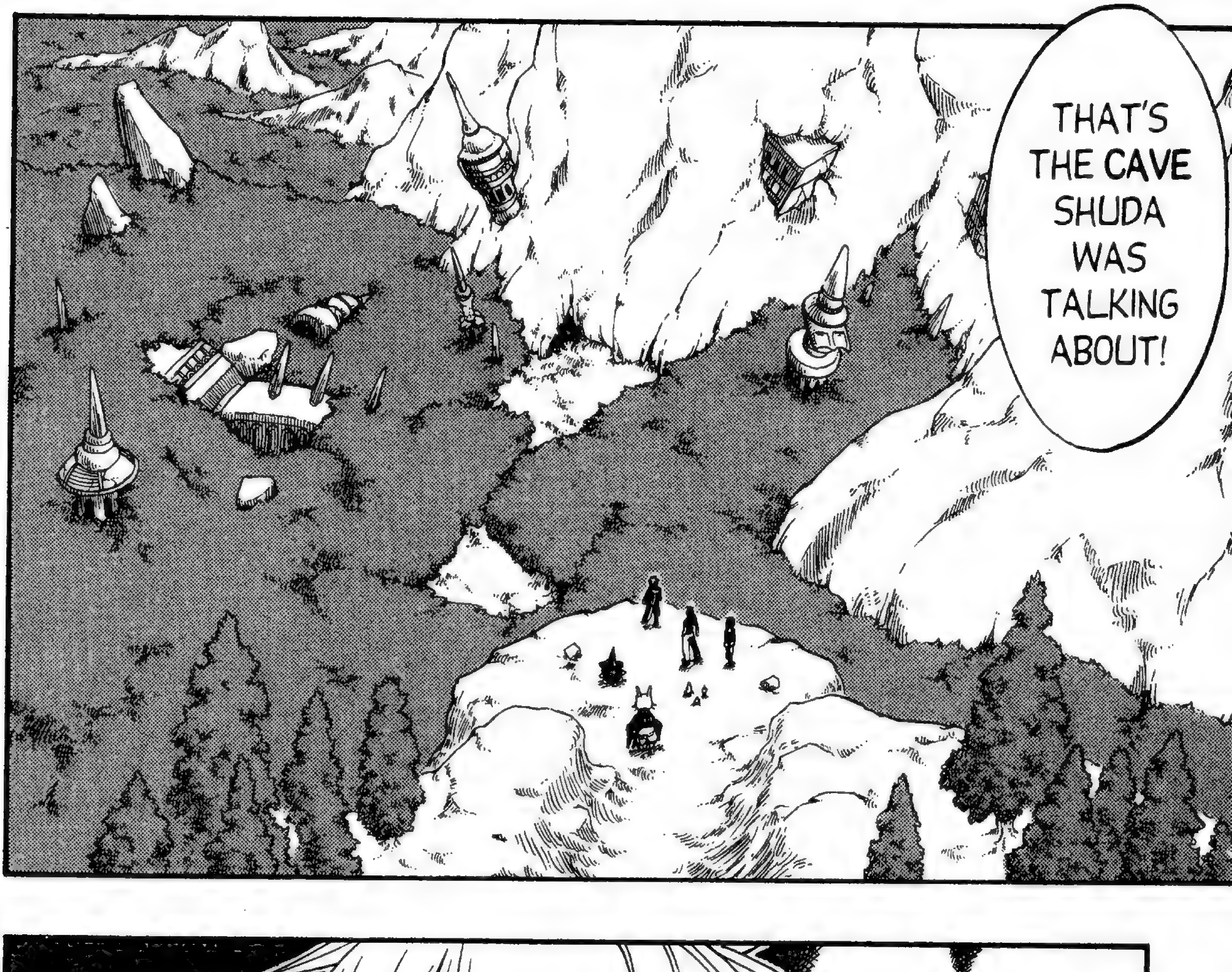
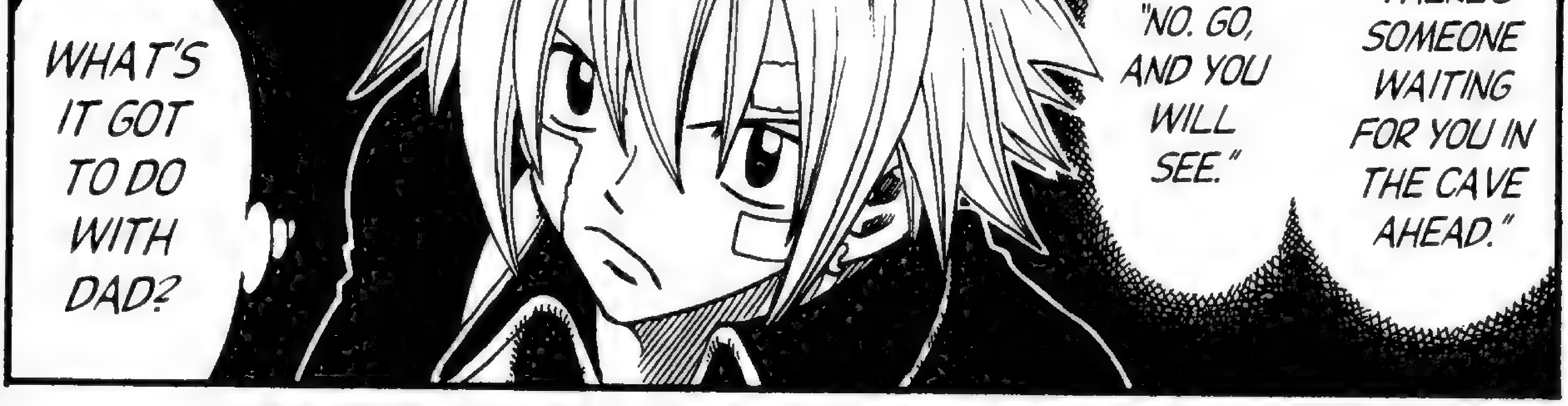

THAT'S THE CAVE SHUDA WAS TALKING ABOUT!


"THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CAVE AHEAD."
"NO. GO, AND YOU WILL SEE."
WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH DAD?

WELL, WE'RE ALREADY HERE, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GO.
MAYBE THERE'S TREASURE, POYO!
どたたたっ
WAIT! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE!
PUUN!!
KINDA BRIGHT IN HERE.
DO YOU SEE THAT LIGHT AHEAD?
TREA-SURE, POYO!
MR. RUBY, PLEASE.
YEEK! IT'S REALLY BRIGHT!
PUUN!!
HOLY...

PRETTY!!
CHECK IT OUT!!
PUUN!!
パクッ
DON'T EAT THAT!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
THE STAR VESTIGE CAVE.
!
WHO WAS THAT?!
もしゃもしゃ
MUNCH
もしゃもしゃ

INTEREST YOU IN AN APPLE?
もしゃもしゃ しゃりしゃり
もしゃもしゃ しゃりしゃり
WAGGLE
PUUN!!
HEY! YOU WANT ONE, ROUNDY?
PUPUUN!!
もしゃもしゃ
I-I WANT ONE, TOO!
ガしっ
DON'T EVEN...!
UH... WHO'RE YOU?
HO HO! I'M EVERMARY, SON. I'VE LIVED IN THESE PARTS 70 YEARS NOW.
YOU'RE GALE'S SPROUT, AIN'T YA? YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HIM.
しゃり

LOOK HERE...
SEE THIS LIGHT?
......
BUT... HUH?
STAR MEMORY WAS HERE A LONG TIME AGO.

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IT, HM? SO OF COURSE YOU'RE SURPRISED.
WHEN I SAY STAR MEMORY WAS HERE...
...I MEAN MILLENNIA AGO.
もぐもぐ
STAR MEMORY'S MOVED SOMEPLACE ELSE. IT MAY STILL BE MOVING.
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS.
STILL, THE LEGENDS THAT PLACE IT HERE AIN'T WRONG.
RAVE MASTER HARU...THAT "SHUDA" FELLA TOLD ME THE GIST OF IT.
MUNCH

IT'S GOOD YOU'VE COME.
USE THE STAR VESTIGE TO SEE THE WORLD...
...AND LEARN WHAT STAR MEMORY'S REALLY ALL ABOUT.
MUNCH
DID... DID YOU KNOW MY DAD?
GALE DIDN'T MENTION ME?
THAT DAY... WITH THE STAR VESTIGE'S PICTURE OF THE WORLD AND THE STUFF EVERMARY SAID...
I RAISED HIM.
Apple?
WHA?! SO YOU'RE, LIKE, MY GRANDPA?!
I'LL REMEMBER IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

RAVE MASTER

RAVE:160 ✚ VOICE OF THE STAR VESTIGE

WHERE STAR MEMORY ONCE RESTED
THE CAVERN OF STAR VESTIGE
CAVERN OF STAR VESTIGE
THAT'S RIGHT.
もしゃ もしゃ
GALE'S FOSTER FATHER EVERMARY
もしゃ もしゃ
YOU MIND ME TALKING ABOUT GALE A LITTLE FIRST?
もしゃ もしゃ

IT WAS ABOUT FORTY YEARS AGO...
I TRAVELED THE WORLD, STEALING APPLES WHEREVER I WENT.
UH, WEIRD.
ONE DAY, I DISCOVERED A MARVELOUS APPLE AT A BIG MANSION IN SOME CITY.
IT WAS A MIGHTY DELICIOUS APPLE.
SO WHEN I STOLE IT, WHICH IS WHAT I DID AT THE TIME...
You're a thief, too!
...I SAW A MAN HOLDING A BOY WITH APPLE-RED CHEEKS.
IT WAS A FINE BABY, I'LL TELL YA. THAT WAS GALE.
GULP
IT WAS THEN...

...THAT I TOOK THE KID AND RAN.
MUNCH
もおっ!!
KIDNAPPER!!
NOW, NOW... LET ME FINISH.
HERE-- HAVE AN APPLE TO CALM YOUR NERVES.
YOU JERK!! YOU'RE A BAD, BAD MAN!!
EASY, WHIPPER-SNAPPER. IT GETS BETTER FROM HERE.
もしゃ
もしゃ
I WAS PURSUED BY THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM.
AS YOU KNOW, THE KING HAD SURVIVED OVERDRIVE AND LIVED IN THAT VERY CITY.
I WAS NO ATHLETE, SO THEY EVENTUALLY CAUGHT ME.
SO, I RESIGNED MYSELF TO MY FATE.

I-I MARRIED TWICE...
...BUT MY WIVES DIED...SO I'M CHILDLESS.
BUT THEN THE KING SURPRISED ME.
THE CHILD IS CUTE, YES?
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HUH?!
ER...YES, SIR.
I SEE...MY CONDOLENCES.
THIS CHILD IS GALE. RAISE HIM AS IF HE WERE YOUR OWN.
HUH?!
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EARS.
THE KING'S WIFE HAD DIED JUST AFTER CHILDBIRTH, Y'SEE. THE KINGDOM WAS IN TROUBLE.
THE MAN WAS AFRAID HE'D DIE AND LEAVE HIS SON WITH NO CARETAKER.
.....?
MUNCH

THE KING AND I WENT OVER ALL SORTS OF OPTIONS.
HE DIDN'T THINK HIDING GALE'S ROYAL BLOOD AND PUTTING HIM UP FOR ADOPTION WOULD WORK.
THE KING PASSED AWAY A YEAR LATER. AS FOR ME...
...I KEPT RIGHT ON NURTURING LITTLE GALE.
Like an apple seed, see?
THAT'S WHEN I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT STAR MEMORY.
GALE AND I LIVED HERE WHILE I RESEARCHED STAR MEMORY.
THIS **STAR VESTIGE** THE KING TOLD ME ABOUT WAS PERFECT.

THIS HERE STAR VESTIGE CAN TURN MEMORIES INTO PICTURES IF YOU TOUCH IT.
!!
WATCH ...
TOUCH
パアアアアア

THAT'S GALE AT FIFTEEN.
HE LOOKS LIKE HARU, POYO!
THAT TOUGH COOKIE SURE LOVED JUSTICE.
THEY HAVE THAT IN COMMON, TOO!

HE BECAME AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER TO PROTECT THE WORLD...
...THOUGH HE STILL CAME TO PLAY FROM TIME TO TIME.
BUT THAT BOY WAS MOST HAPPY...
...WHEN HE CAME WITH HIS WIFE AND KIDS.
....
SO YOU HAVE BEEN HERE, HARU.
IT WOULD APPEAR SO...BUT HOW MUCH CAN HE REMEMBER IF HE WAS IN DIAPERS?
MM. FOLKS CAN'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING.

GO ON, HARU.
SEE WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR HEART.
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SIS.
SHE'S SO PRETTY!
A BABE, AS I SUSPECTED!
Ta da!
WHOA ...!
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......
ER... WHAT IS THAT?

YOU'VE MET QUITE A FEW PEOPLE, THERE.
SOME GONE...

...AND SOME GROWN.
IT'S ALL BECOME MEMORY, NOW.

WHO'S NEXT? YOU ALL GET A TURN.

Pat
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PUUN!!
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………

ELIE...
......
ELIE?
I'LL HOLD OFF...JUST GIMME A SEC?
WHAT THE HELL?!
HUH?!
!!!!

W-WHAT IS THAT?!
THE MEMORIES ARE SWIRLING.
A LITTLE FROM EVERYONE...
...IS ALL COMING TOGETHER.
THAT'S A PICTURE OF "NOW" FROM MEMORIES THE WORLD OVER.
THE STAR VESTIGE CAN TURN INDIVIDUAL MEMORIES INTO A COLLECTIVE ONE.
LOOK.

DEMON CARD...
...IS MOVING.
THEY'RE OUT TO CONQUER THE WORLD!!!

WITH THE IMPERIAL CAPITOL DESTROYED, THE REST OF THE WORLD'S FALLING TO PIECES.
RESISTANCE ARMIES WILL SLOW DEMON CARD DOWN, SURE, BUT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH.
THE AGE OF DARKNESS IS ON ITS WAY.
NOOOO!!

I UNDERSTOOD THAT CONQUEST WAS NECESSARY FOR SUCH A NOBLE GOAL!
OH, THE HORROR! DEMON CARD PROMISED A WORLD WITHOUT WAR!
THEN I, A HERO... WAS **AIDING** IN THIS SLAUGHTER?!
あああああ
WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT TO BELIEVE IN?!
AAAAAAAAAAH!!
WHAT SHOULD I BE FIGHTING FOR?! OH, WOE!
I HAVE FAITH IN MYSELF...
...AND I KNOW CONQUEST WON'T BRING PEACE.
THERE'S NO **FIGHTING** WITHOUT **BELIEF**!
ああぁぁぁ...
JUST BELIEVE IN **YOURSELF**.

SOMETHING ELSE HAS TO UNITE THE WORLD!!
THAT'S WHAT WE NEED STAR MEMORY TO TELL US!!
YOUR DETERMINATION IS CLEAR, BOY.
THEN LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT STAR MEMORY...

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RAVE:161 ✠ LIFE OF A STAR

SCRUMPTIOUS!!
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YIKES... TAKE IT EASY, POPS.
MMMM!!
TODAY IS THE DAY I'VE BEEN GIVEN A TRUE MISSION!
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THIS FEAST IS ONE OF ENLIGHTENMENT!
IS IT NOT SO, MASTER?!
......

HARU? WHAT'S WRONG, POYO?
MAYBE HE'S NOT HUNGRY.
HARU?
PLUE! WHAT'D I SAY ABOUT BREATHING BETWEEN BITES?!
PUUN!!
EAT THIS! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!
M-MISS ELIE, PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING!
THAT PICTURE OF THE WORLD...
IT'S STUCK IN MY HEAD.
PEOPLE WERE JUST... KILLING EACH OTHER.
AND THE KILLERS WERE... LAUGHING.
THEY WERE... PROUD.
THEY THOUGHT THEY'D... ACHIEVED SOMETHING.
OLD PEOPLE AND KIDS...
SO I WAS THINKING...
IF IT'LL WORK...

I WANNA STOP THE WAR NOW!!!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES!!! EVEN IF I CAN ONLY SAVE A FEW PEOPLE!!!
DON'T YOU WORRY, THERE.
ザッ
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO NOW IS TAKE A MINUTE TO RECUPERATE. THAT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH, BELIEVE YOU ME.

HE'S RIGHT, HARU! IF WE CAN SMILE, THEN PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN SMILE, TOO!
I GUESS...
SORRY FOR BEIN' A DRAG.
ALL RIGHT, THEN. ABOUT STAR MEMORY...
THIS IS SO EXCITING, POYO!
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT STAR MEMORY...
...IS WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS.
AS THE NAME IMPLIES, IT REMEMBERS THE INFORMATION OF EVERYTHING BORN FROM THIS STAR.
IT MAY BE THIS STAR'S VERY ENERGY.
THAT'S NEITHER RIGHT NOR WRONG.
Y'SEE...

...IT'S A WORLD THAT TRANSCENDS SPACE AND TIME.
THE STAR'S LIFE IS AN ACCUMULATION OF MANY TIMES AND SPACES GATHERED TOGETHER.

AT STAR MEMORY, YOU CAN GAIN EVERYTHING...
...AS WELL AS LOSE EVERYTHING.
CATCH MY DRIFT?
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?
IT'S WHERE YOU CAN MANIPULATE TIME AND SPACE.

TIME-SPACE?
MANIPU...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, POYO?!
EVERYONE'S HAD A CASE OF THE "WHAT IFS" AT SOME POINT OR ANOTHER. WHO DOESN'T WISH THAT THE PAST COULD BE CHANGED?
BUT I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE PASTS OF INDIVIDUALS--I'M TALKING ABOUT **HISTORY**. THE STAR'S POWER IS GREAT ENOUGH TO CHANGE THE PAST FOR **EVERYBODY**.
THAT'S... THAT'S CRAZY.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
WELL...THAT'D EXPLAIN WHY DC WANTS STAR MEMORY SO BAD.
AND DIDN'T SIEG SAY HE HAD "A DUTY TO PROTECT TIME," POYO?!
WAIT A SEC... DOES THAT MEAN IF WE FIND IT, TIME'S GONNA GO BONKERS?

IT DEPENDS ON THE CHOICES MADE BY THOSE WHO GO THERE.
FOR BETTER... OR FOR WORSE.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T LET DC FIND IT.
THIS WORLD-- NO, THIS **STAR**-- WOULD BE **DESTROYED.**
THE HOLY GROUND WHERE SPACE-TIME'S CONTROLLED...
STAR MEMORY!!

YOU KIDS SHOULD GET SOME REST NOW.
I'LL TELL YOU MORE TOMORROW.
"THIS HERE STAR VESTIGE CAN TURN MEMORIES INTO PICTURES IF YOU TOUCH IT."

ELIE ...?
!!
WHATCHA DOIN' HERE AT THIS HOUR?
HARU!
UM...
I'M... BEING WEIRD.
HUH?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR MY MEMORIES FOR SO LONG...
BUT NOW...I'M AFRAID TO KNOW.

SIGH...
ELIE...
HA HA! I FINALLY SAID IT OUT LOUD!
CHECK OUT THE CEILING!
HUH?
I DIDN'T NOTICE DURING THE DAY, BUT IT'S OPEN.
WOW, IT IS! LOOKIT ALL THE STARS!

I THINK BEING SCARED'S OKAY.
ER.. I GUESS I'M DOING A BAD JOB SAYING THIS.

I JUST...
UM...
BMPH!
WEIRD...I CAN USUALLY SAY STUFF A LOT STRAIGHTER.
THAT'S OKAY! I GET IT.
NOT THAT!
IT'S JUST THAT I...
HUH?
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WANT AN APPLE?
IT'S THE LOVE VARIETY.
!!
MAN... DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
SORRY, SONNY... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK WHILE I COULD.
GALE WAS LOOKING FOR A GIRL WITH AMNESIA NAMED "ELIE." THAT YOU?
WHAT?
DAD WAS LOOKING FOR HER?!
HE BECAME AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER TO FIND THAT "ELIE" GIRL...
...TO GET INFO FROM THIS STAR VESTIGE, I THINK.

BUT I SUPPOSE THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. HE LEFT THIRTY YEARS AGO... YOU'RE NOT THIRTY, ARE YA?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
AM I THIRTY?
NOT THAT.
THE WAY I SEE IT...
...THE STAR VESTIGE COULD'VE SHOWN HIM THE FUTURE. I DOUBT THAT, THOUGH.
HE WAS PROBABLY LOOKING FOR SOME OTHER ELIE.
....
ANOTHER ELIE BESIDES ME?
MAYBE. I'M JUST SPECULATING.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I DON'T GET...

HE SAID SOMETHING ODD ABOUT HER.
THAT HE HAD TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS SAFE...
...OR SHE'D DO SOMETHING TO HERSELF.
WELL, I'M LOST.
"YES...TAKE GOOD CARE OF GALE FOR ME."
I...
I KNEW THIS TIME WOULD COME.
すぅー…
ELIE.

I HAVE TO KNOW... I HAVE TO KNOW WHO I AM.
!!!
AAGH!!
EVERMARY!!
WHA?!

FOOL.
DON'T CRAM TRASH INTO MY WOMAN'S HEAD.

USING ETHERION IS ALL SHE NEEDS TO KNOW.
RIGHT... RAVE MASTER?
LUCIA!!
H-HOW'D HE GET HERE?!

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner #2

Q. Please tell us about the commonalities between the characters' names in RAVE MASTER.

(Neman Menan - Kyoto Prefecture)

A. **Sure! Let me explain how I came up with the names for the Garage Island people, for example. The names are all related except for Gale's. And I settled on flower names for all the ladies.**

Haru means "spring," the season flowers come into bloom--that's in tune with the flower theme.

Shiba means "grass," and Shige (Haru's pal from Vol. 1) means "overgrown," like with bushes. Gemma is close to "bud" in Latin, and Boton (Gemma's dad) means the same thing in Spanish. Cattleya, Sakura, and Yuri (Gemma's mom) are all flower names.

Why is Gale's name different? Well, he wasn't actually living ON Garage Island to begin with.

Q. Um...is Lazenby gonna join up? I don't think he's really...needed.

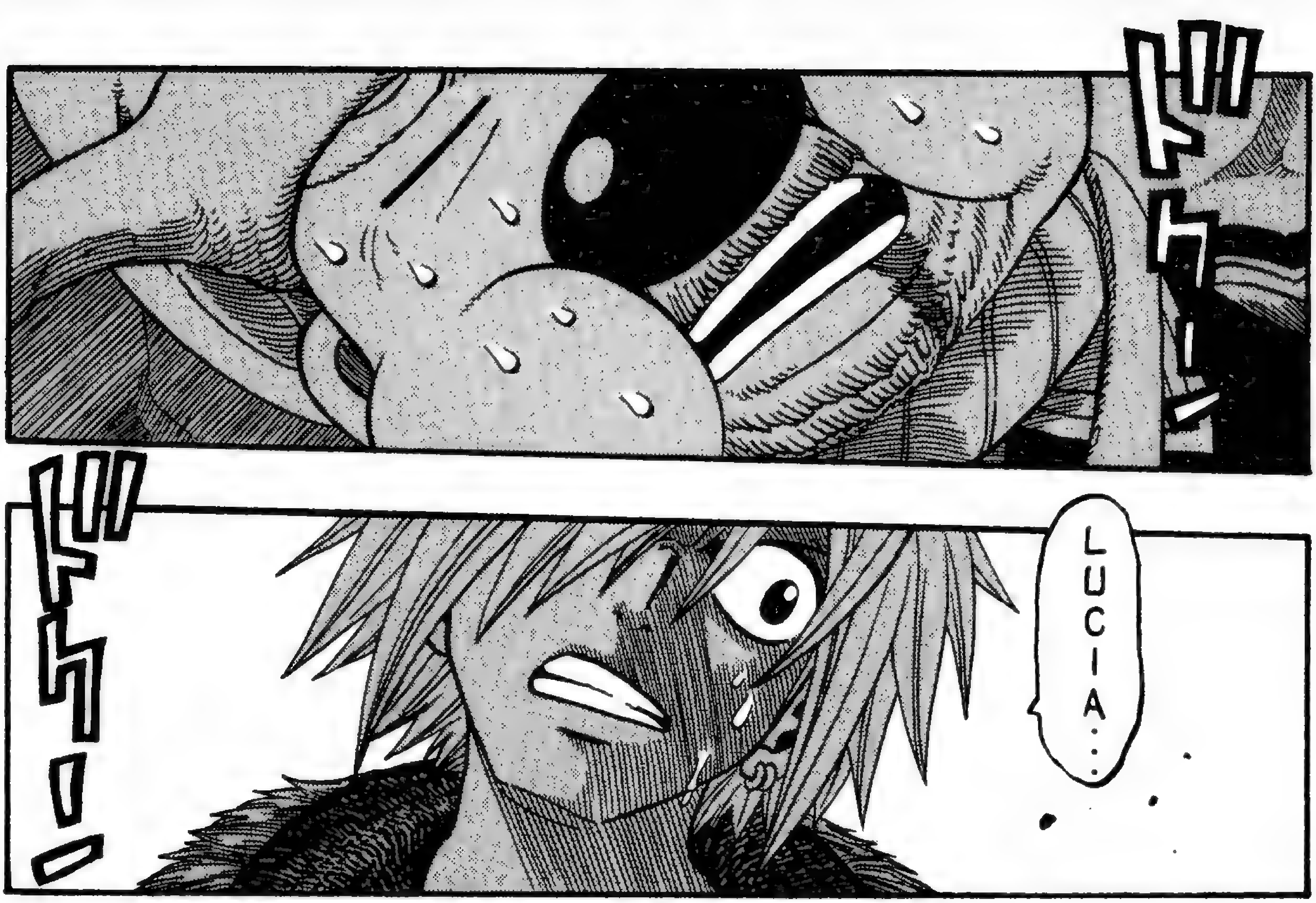
(Fat Cat - Fukuoka Prefecture)

A. **Hm. I'm not sure myself.**

Q. Hiro-kun, you play the guitar, right? You any good? If you are, come on down and join my band!

(YUTA - Shizuoka Prefecture)

A. **I used to be okay, but I'm a disaster now. I've been spending all my time making manga, so no playing, no practicing...my skills suck. (^_^) Well, it's a good thing I practiced writing more than guitar. I wasn't that good at it, anyway.**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LUCIA...

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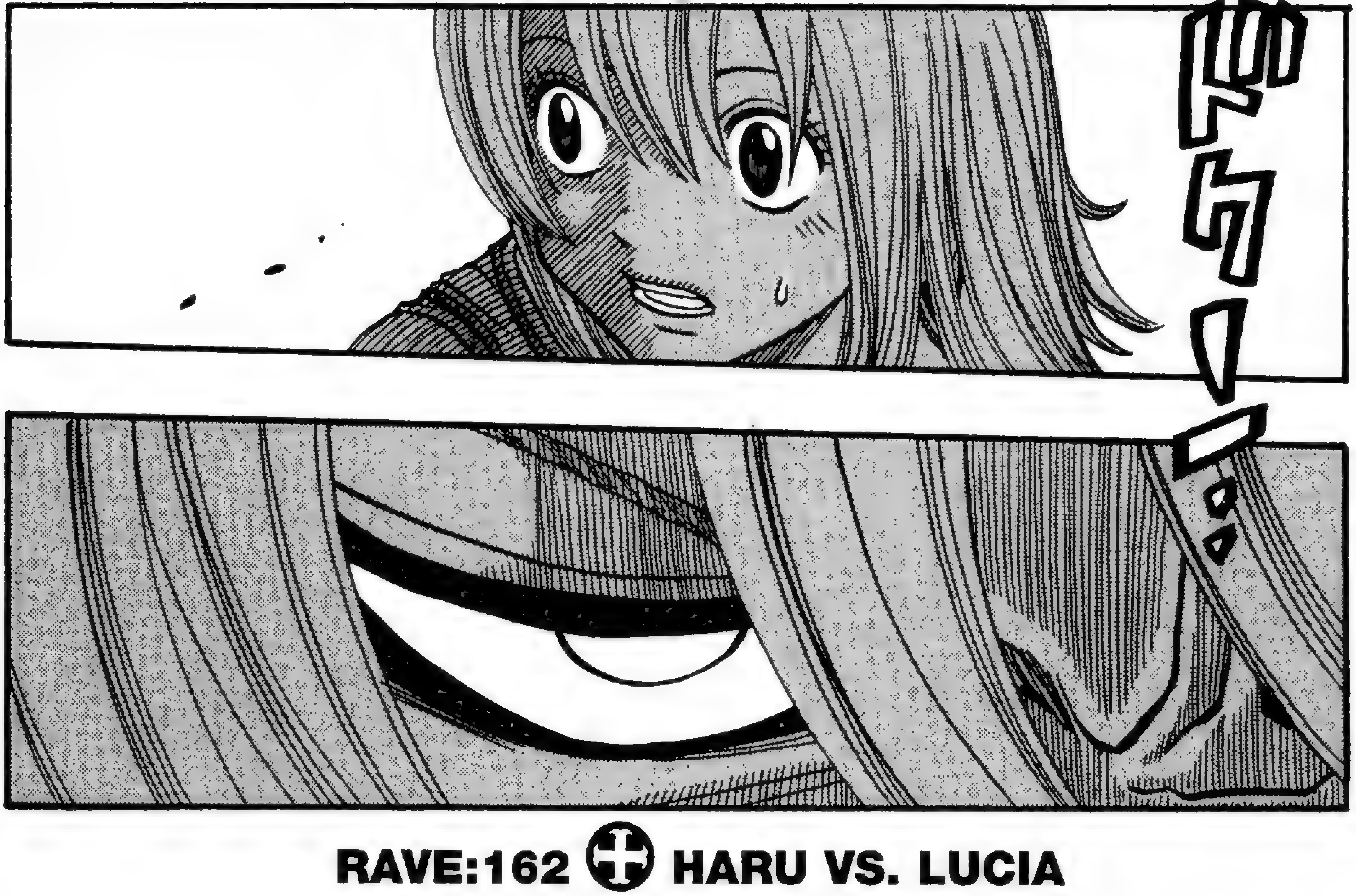

RAVE:162 ✚ HARU VS. LUCIA

H-HOW'D HE GET HERE?!
HEH HEH ...
SO YOU DEFEATED DORYU. NOT BAD.
DORYU HAD A SINCLAIRE, DIDN'T HE?
!

GRAMPA, ARE YOU OKAY?!
WAIT, ELIE!
ドッカァ
AAH!
ズガガガガガ
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ドゴォーン

M-MY STAR VESTIGE ...
G-GALE'S MEMORIES ...
THIS IS AN ILLUSION.
WALKING BACK DOWN THE ROAD YOU ARRIVED FROM ACHIEVES NOTHING.
HOW ...
HOW COULD YOU JUST ...?
MEMORIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A PERSON, LUCIA!!
YOU GOTTA DESTROY THEM, TOO?! WHAT?! THE WORLD'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?!
DESTROY THEM? PLEASE. THE PAST IS ALREADY DESTROYED.

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ガラ
THE FUTURE IS EVERYTHING... THE PAST IS BUT A VOID TO LEAP OVER.
DON'T YOU AGREE, ELIE?
!
D-DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
DOES IT MATTER? YOUR PAST IS MEANINGLESS.
ALL YOU NEED KNOW IS THAT YOU POSSESS ETHERION.
YOU DON'T NEED A PAST...
THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR, NOTHING TO SHOCK YOU ...
COME WITH ME.

LUCIAAAAA!!
!!!

DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HER!!
NEVER TOUCH ELIE AGAIN!!
SHE DOESN'T NEED A PAST?! BULL!!
WHETHER HER MEMORIES ARE HAPPY OR SAD ...
...EVEN IF THEY'RE HARD TO TAKE, WE'RE HERE FOR HER!!

MYSELF? I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ELIE!
I'LL ACCEPT HER PAST, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS!!
HARU ...

Heh heh heh ...
I'M STEALING HER FROM YOU, PIECE BY PIECE.
MEMORIES ARE PRECIOUS?
THE PAST IS PRECIOUS?
THEN REMEMBER THAT KISS.
HA HA HA HA HA!!
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL BE SIXTY AND STILL BE MERELY HOLDING HANDS!!

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ザッ
TAKE IT.
MUSICA!!
MAN, IF I HADN'T COME TO SEE WHAT THE RUCKUS WAS...
I was nappin'.
MUSICA... LISTEN...
I'M TAKING HIM ONE-ON-ONE.
!
WHAT? DON'T BE STUPID!
THAT PSYCHO RUNS DC!! HE'S NO PUSHOVER!!
I'LL BE FINE.

WELL, WELL ...
YOU SURPRISE ME.
AT MOST, YOUR POWER IS AT THE LEVEL OF THE ORACION SIX. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?
MIGHT AS WELL TRY...
... RIGHT?
SHUDA.
HUH?!

HNH.
He noticed me.
THE SON OF GALE AND THE SON OF KING.
DESCENDANTS OF SYMPHONIA AND RARE-GROOVE.
TCH.
IT'S QUITE THE FIGHT.
FINE.
I HEREBY BEAR WITNESS TO THIS CONTEST.
FOOLS... THE LOT OF YOU.
MY POWER WILL SLAUGHTER YOU ALL!
ELIE... YOU JUST WATCH, OKAY?
!

I'M STRONGER THAN HE IS.
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SILENCE.

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO KILL YOU.

LEAVE THIS WORLD!!!
EXPLOSION!!!
ドガァ
BLUE CRIM-SON!!!

SILFARION!!!
GRAVITY CORE!!!
ズガ!!アア
MEL FORCE!!!
MILLION SUNS!!!
…………!!!
オオオオオォ…

HMM... THAT WASN'T TOO PATHETIC.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LUCIA? THAT ALL YOU GOT?
I DIDN'T EVEN BREAK A SWEAT.
!

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RAVE: 163 ✚ SOULS, DETERMINED UNTO DEATH

I-IMPOSSIBLE!! YOU HURT ME?!
A WEAKLING LIKE YOU RUNS DEMON CARD?
KING COULDA SCHOOLED YOU.
THAT WAS PRETTY SLICK.
......
NO ...

YOU LITTLE BASTARD ...
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
I SHALL OBLIGE THAT DEATH WISH OF YOURS!!
UH...
W-WHY IS HIS SKIN RIPPING?
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HARU!
!
EXPLODING SWORD DANCE ...

DEATH BALLAD BOMB!!!
ドドドドドド
THAT'S KING'S TRICK.
ELIE, GET DOWN!
ドガガガッ
AAAHH!!

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ドッドッ
ドッ
RUNE SAVE!!!
WHAT ?!
R-RUNE SAVE CUTS WHAT CAN'T BE CUT!

SEAL SWORD DANCE... DEMON SEAL!!!
RUNE SAVE ...
ゴオォオォ…
...IS SEALED!!
HARU, LOOK OUT!!
ドドドド

MILLION SUNS!!!
ドゴオオ
オオオオオォォォ…
THAT WAS PRETTY SMART, SEALING RUNE SAVE SO I CAN'T USE IT.
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パリイ!
パリイ!
HUH?
パリイ!
パリイ!
パリイ!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
MEMORY DUST!

THE ACCUMULATED MEMORIES OF STAR VESTIGE ARE VANISHING!
HISTORY'S LEGACY, THE KEY TO THE WORLD... IT'S ALL CRUMBLING!
THE MEMORIES ...
ELIE ...
THAT'S REALLY... SAD.
HARU OR LUCIA... REGARDLESS WHO WINS...
...NEW HISTORY IS BEING WRITTEN HERE.

.....!!!
HAAAAH!!
キイイイン
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ガキ

ドゴオッ

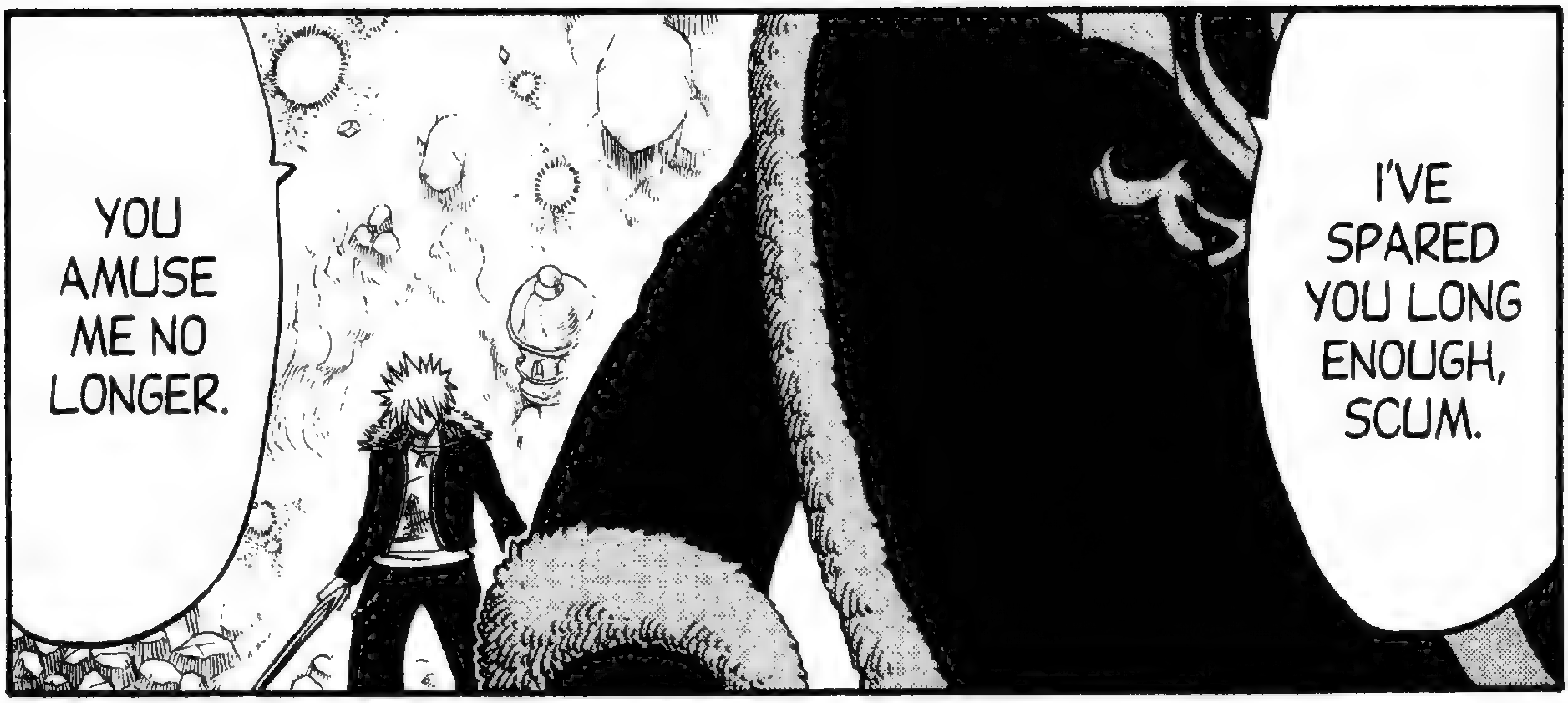
ズオオオオ

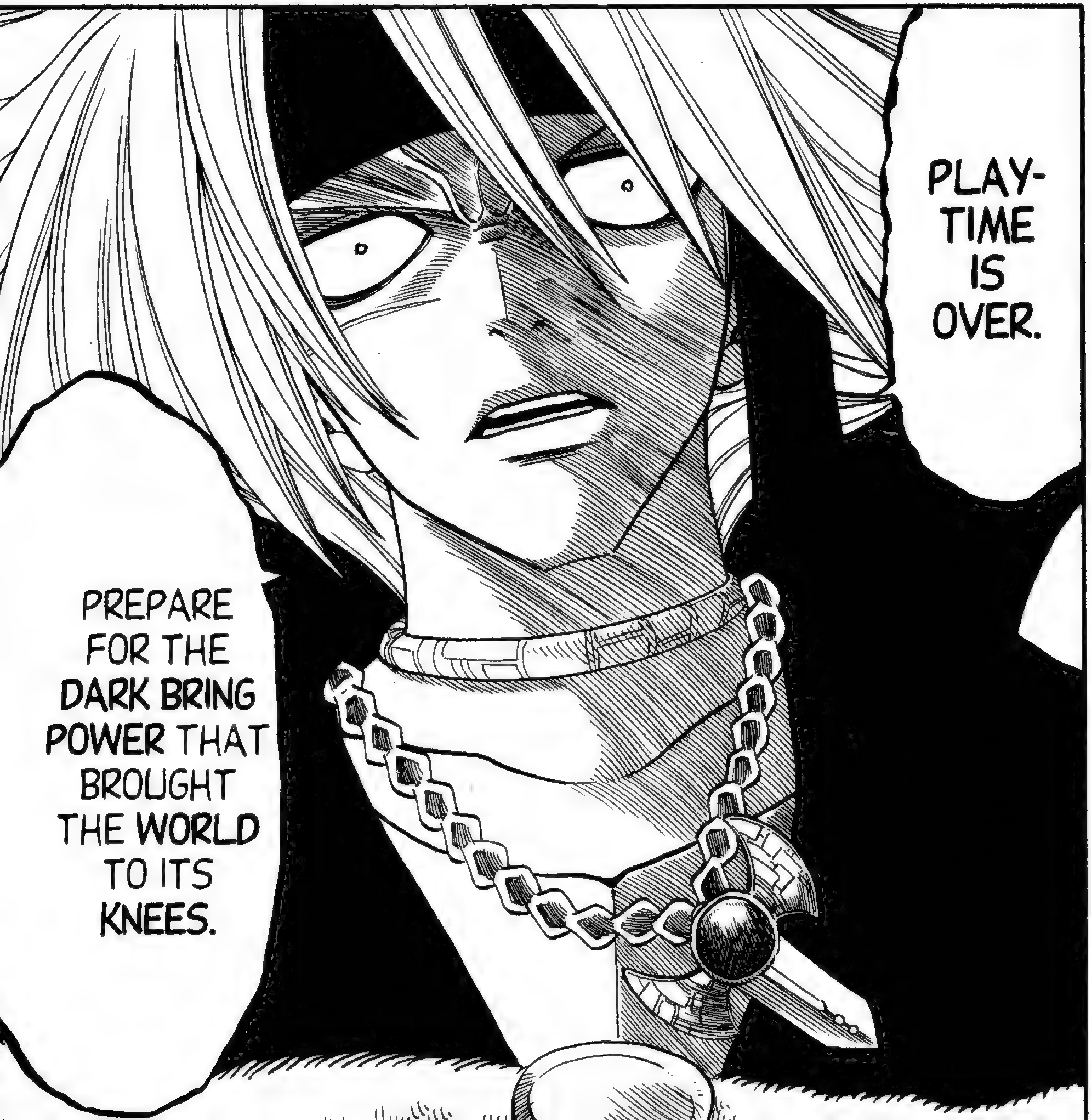
HURK!!
THEY LOOK SO... EVENLY MATCHED.
SHOOT! WHEN DID HARU GET SO--
WAIT ...!
THIS ISN'T ...
HARU?
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT...

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
NO!
HE'S LOSING!
MOVE...
!!
...OUT OF THE WAY!!

HE'S STILL STANDING?!

BUT... HE TOOK THE FULL BRUNT OF THE SWING!
HARU!!
I'M DISAPPOINTED! ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS...
...RAVE MASTER?!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT NEEDS TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS.
I'M DONE WARMING UP.
ビクンッ
HOW CAN HE BE SO CALM?!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HARU LIKE THIS!!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, HARU GLORY?!


I'VE SPARED YOU LONG ENOUGH, SCUM.
YOU AMUSE ME NO LONGER.


PLAY-TIME IS OVER.
PREPARE FOR THE **DARK BRING POWER** THAT BROUGHT THE **WORLD** TO ITS **KNEES.**

I'VE GOT A FEW SURPRISES OF MY OWN.
THE NINTH FORM OF THE TEN POWERS.

THE NINTH SWORD?!
BUT THAT'S ...
DOES SHUDA KNOW ABOUT THE NINTH?!
WAIT...IS THAT WHY HARU'S ACTING WEIRD?!
THEN WHAT IS IT?!
WHAT'S THE NINTH?!
I DECIDED BEFORE THE FIGHT...
I KNEW I COULDN'T BEAT YOU WITHOUT IT.
THE BATTLE'S ENDING TODAY.
I'M COUNTING ON THAT!
WHAT'S THIS FEELING?
MY CHEST'S ALL TIGHT!

LUCIA ...
YOU LOSE!!
HARU!! STOP!!!
DON'T USE IT!! HARU!!!

RAVE MASTER

RAVE: 164 ✚ THE DEMON SWORD, BERSERK?!

Puu...
Puu...
Zzz...
Zzz...
Zzz...
Boo boo...
Snrkee...
Snrkee...
WHAT'S THAT SNAIL, POYO...?
WHAT, POYO?!
AH, MISS ELIE...WE MUSTN'T ...
OHH...NYA NYAAA... STILL HUNGRY... NYA NYAAA...
パチ
PUPUUN!!
ゴスッ
PUUN!!
ゴロー!
PUPII!!

すたたたっ
PUUUUN!!
キョロ キョロ
もじ もじ
PUUUUN!!
ガッ
EAT!
Nyaaa...
THEREFORE, I MUST EAT!
ブロロ!
I UNDERSTAND.
Nya nyaaa...
SHAAAA!!
PUUUN!! PUPUN!!
PUUN!!
BON APPETIT!
Nyaaa...

HARU!!
DON'T USE THE NINTH SWORD!!
THE FIGHT'S GONE FAR ENOUGH!!
YOU'LL DESTROY YOURSELF!!
SHUDA!!!

YOU'RE A WITNESS. QUIT GETTING INVOLVED!
YOU'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO WATCH 'TIL WE'RE DONE.
NNGH!
I CAN TAKE YOU **BOTH** ON, IF YOU'D LIKE.
SINCLAIRE'S POWER IS **ABSOLUTE.**
IT'S ONLY GONNA TAKE **ME.**
SHUDA, GUYS...YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND! I **NEED THIS** TO **WIN!**
HARU--WHAT'S **WRONG** WITH THAT **SWORD?!** RAVE'S **DESTROYING YOU**, ISN'T IT?!
ISN'T IT?!

I DON'T KNOW... BUT I HAVE TO WIN.
YOUR FATHER MIXED ONE HECK OF A SWORD IN WITH THE OTHER NINE.
THE BLOODLUST SWORD, SACRIFAR!!
SACRIFAR
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*Forbidden

WE LOST OUR CHANCE TO STOP HIM.
GET REAL, SHUDA! IF IT'S THAT BAD, WE'LL STOP HIM OURSELVES!
STAY BACK!!!
DO YOU REALLY WANT HIM TO KILL HIS FRIENDS?!
WHAT?! WHAT THE HELL KINDA SWORD IS THAT?!

YOU HEARD WHAT IT'S CALLED! THE SWORD SEALS ALL EMOTIONS BUT AGGRESSION!!
SACRIFAR
HARU'S POWER WILL BE THROUGH THE ROOF, BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT!!
THE SWORD GOES BERSERK AND KILLS ITS WIELDER!!
DO YOU GET IT NOW?!
THE SWORD ...
... WILL KILL HIM?
A DEMON SWORD.
NOW WE CAN ONLY WATCH.

HARU KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...
...BUT HE CALLED THE SWORD ANYWAY.
NO!
HYAAAAAA!!
PRAY FOR HIM.
HEH...

EYES ON ME, WORM!!
THIS IS THE POWER OF SINCLAIRE!!
THE PRESSURE INSIDE THIS WARPED DIMENSIONAL SPACE CAN ANNIHILATE ANYTHING!!
DISTORTION!!!

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CRAP!!
IT'S MAKING STUFF VANISH!!
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GYAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!
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WHAT?!
ARE YOU SEEING THIS?!
HARU'S SHOUTING DOWN SINCLAIRE!

GYAAAAAH!!!
NOOOO!!
NOOOOO!!
WHO ARE YOU?!

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SWEET MOTHER OF...
HARU?
THE SWORD'S ALREADY FUSED WITH HIS ARM.
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DON'T RUN AWAY!!!
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY!!!

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
PLUE!!
WHERE ARE YOU, PLUE?!
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HE'S GONE?!
EVERYBODY, WAKE UP! WHERE'D PLUE GO?!
POYO?
HM? I'M SORRY... I WAS ASLEEP.
HARU'S IN TROUBLE! WE HAVE TO FIND PLUE!
ROGER THAT.
BURP

ELIE! WHY'RE YOU LOOKING FOR PLUE?!
I DON'T KNOW!
I JUST THINK... PLUE CAN HELP!
MY GUT'S TELLING ME SO!
HE'S NOT HERE, POYO!
OR HERE! EGAD!
BURP
HMM...HERO THOUGH I AM, MY STOMACH FEELS STRANGELY UNSETTLED.
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PERHAPS I ATE SOMETHING ODD...
YOU DIDN'T ...
YOU ATE MASTER PLUE?!
ARGH! YOU'RE SO STUPID!!
PUNCH!!!
BLUB
OUT WITH 'IM!

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BLARGH
OH! SWEET FREEDOM!!
I LIVE ANOTHER DAY!!
WHY'D HE GO AND EAT YOU?!
PHEW! I FEEL MUCH BETTER!
HA HA HA HA
I'M SURROUNDED BY LUNATICS!
WE'D BETTER KEEP LOOKING...
PLUE... WHERE ARE YOU?
WHY AREN'T YOU HERE WHEN WE NEED YOU MOST OF ALL?!

HUFF... HUFF...
HUFF... HUFF...
THERE'S NO QUESTION...
LUCIA COULDN'T TOUCH HIM.
BUT... ...AT THIS RATE...

...HARU WON'T STOP!
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THE DEMON SWORD CONTROLS HIM NOW!!

TO BE CONTINUED

"AFTERWORDS"

FINALLY, RAVE'S TWENTIETH VOLUME! TIME FLIES...IT'S BEEN ALMOST FOUR YEARS SINCE I BEGAN LIFE AS A MANGA ARTIST. I HAD A LOT OF HELP--AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR IT EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! BUT DON'T START FORGETTING ME FROM HERE ON OUT, EITHER.

ACTUALLY, I PLANNED THIS BATTLE WITH LUCIA TO BE A HALFWAY POINT OF THE SAGA. A SORT OF "CLIMAX OF THE SECOND ACT." FROM HERE, THE VARIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE RAVE MASTER SAGA WILL BEGIN TO BE RESOLVED...PROBABLY!

WHY DID SHIBA KNOW HARU? WHAT IS THE ENDLESS? WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HARU AND LUCIA, AND THE REMAINS OF SYMPHONIA? WHAT WAS RESHA'S CRIME? ELIE'S MEMORY, THE MEANING OF RAVE, THE WHOLE SIEG "PROTECTING TIME" STUFF, HAJA'S TRUE FORM? AND, OF COURSE, THE CONCLUSION.

I THINK IT'S NATURAL TO BE EXCITED ABOUT FINALLY DRAWING EVERYTHING I WANT TO. BUT HOLD ON JUST A BIT LONGER, FOLKS. THIS PART STILL HAS A LITTLE JUICE LEFT.

THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE RAVE AND ONE MORE TEN POWERS FORM...BUT HEY, WE'VE GOT A WHOLE SECOND HALF OF THE SERIES TO GO. I THINK IT'LL BE LONG ENOUGH.

TO ALL READERS, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE FANS WHO WRITE WITH "DON'T END THE SERIES!"...I THINK ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END AS A PART OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. I PROMISE TO DRAW A REALLY COOL MANGA NEXT TIME. SERIOUSLY, I WILL. OF COURSE, THAT'S STILL ABOUT TEN VOLUMES DOWN THE ROAD. (^_^) UNTIL THEN, I'LL TRY MY BEST TO FULFILL EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

HIRO MASHIMA